	Hazardous Occupations	Non-Hazardous Occupations	Total
27. Rajasthan	3026	5064	8090
28. Sikkim	0	Yet to be finalised.	0
29. Tamil Nadu	9493	8828	18321
30. Tripura	11	264	275
31. Uttar Pradesh	15105	18043	33148
32. West Bengal	254	15792	16046
TOTAL (PROVISIONAL)	126665	428305	554970

Rehabilitation of Intellectually Retarded

2222. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government/Governmental organisations and establishments in private sector intentionally do not provide job opportunities to the intellectually retarded, spastics and autistics throughout the country making their rehabilitation very alarming;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) No statistical data is available regarding the total number of intellectually retarded, spastics and autistics requiring employment. However, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment under its Schemes of assistance to Voluntary Organisations facilitating the rehabilitation of such persons. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment does not have information in respect of the private sector regarding employment of the intellectually retarded, spastics and autistics.

(c) The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has recently launched National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation (NHFDC) where provision has been made for giving loans to people with disability for promoting self-employment. This scheme will be particularly useful to those persons who are unable to find salaried jobs in the Government and non-Government sector.

Scheme for the Upgradation of SC and ST Students in Gujarat

2223. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing any Central Scheme for the upgradation of SC and ST students in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many SC/ST students were benefited therefrom during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) steps being taken by Government to popularise the scheme in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Under the Scheme of Upgradation of